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Amendment and Response

The Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 28, 2002 in the above-referenced application. Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1 A controlled release pharmaceutical delivery device which provides sustained or pulsatile delivery of a selected pharmaceutically active substance for a predetermined period of time, said device comprising;

- about 1-50% by weight polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alcohol;
- about 1 to 75% by weight of a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose;
- about 0<10% by weight talc; and
- about 0<10% by weight magnesium stearate;

wherein said crosslinked polymers, uncrosslinked polymers, talc and magnesium stearate are provided as a matrix.

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Claim 8. The device of claim 1, wherein said device additionally comprises 0<95% by weight granulating and tableting aids.